

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed January 23, 2007 rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grossman et al. (hereinafter Grossman) (U.S. PG Pub No. 2004/0119760) in view of Hertzog et al. (hereinafter Hertzog) (U.S. PG Pub No. 2003/0069874). Claims 1, 8, 10, 16, 18 and 21 have been amended. No new matter has been added. The Applicants respectfully present the following for consideration.

Claim Rejections

With regard to Claim 1, the Office Action states that "Grossman teaches the elements of claim 1 as noted above but does not explicitly teaches "wherein the search input is a single character," "monitoring the input field to determine when a new search input is entered" and "automatically updating the contacts in response to the new search input." However, Hertzog discloses "wherein the search input is a single character" as after entering the leading letter "c", all contacts having a last name beginning with "c" will be displayed within the browser panel 136. Shortly after entering a subsequent "o" letter, only the contacts having a last name beginning with the letters "co" will be displayed following the 0.5 second dynamic refresh. Furthermore, the number of contacts located by current search parameters are displayed in the status bar 142 (Hertzog Paragraph 0111)." In order to advance the prosecution of this matter in a timely manner, the Applicants have amended the Independent Claims to more clearly define the invention.

As amended, Claim 1 recites in part "accessing contacts from the device; wherein
accessing contacts from the device includes accessing a contacts database and a call log."

In contrast, Grossman discusses accessing different contacts databases. Paragraph 54 of Grossman states that "interface 400 also includes means for searching for key terms that may exist in the aggregate contact information of the plurality of disparate contact information directories (act 340). . . . For example, by typing the name "Jane," one or more of the contact information directories is searched for contact information corresponding with the name "Jane." As shown in the present embodiment, various Jane contacts from the My Contacts directory and the XYZ Corporation directory are displayed. It will be appreciated, however, that this example is merely illustrative and that a search can be performed by supplying other terms or symbols that are associated with a contact. For example, a search can be performed by supplying a telephone number and searching for one or more contacts associated with the telephone number." In other words, Grossman teaches accessing different contact directories. Since the cited references do not teach accessing a contacts database and a call log, Claim 1 is proposed to be allowable. Independent Claims 10 and 18 have been similarly amended, albeit differently.

As amended, Claim 10 recites in part "accessing contacts from at least two different sources on the device; wherein the different sources include a contacts database and a speed dial database." Claim 10 includes accessing both the contacts database as well as a speed dial databases. Since Grossman does not discuss accessing both of these databases Claim 10 is proposed to be allowable. As amended, Claim 18 recites in part "accessing the contacts from the

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data store; wherein accessing the contacts include accessing a contacts database and a call log.”

Claim 18 is proposed to be allowable for at least the reasons presented above.


Claims 2-9, 11-17 and 19-22 are proposed to be allowable as they depend from valid base claims. Additionally, dependent Claims 8, 16 and 21 have been amended to recite accessing “at least three” of the different types of databases and lists.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

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